2.4 ALTERNATIVES DISMISSED FROM FURTHER STUDY

A. Transportation Demand Management (TDM)

TDM strategies are used to reduce traffic congestion. TDM is designed to promote other forms of transportation, such as transit, walking, biking, and high occupancy vehicles that reduce the number of SOVs. TDM strategies are also often used to alleviate local traffic congestion. Much of the traffic along the project corridor is attributed to regional and interregional traffic. TDM strategies would not address the needs of the US 8 corridor. Therefore, this Alternative was dismissed from further consideration.

B. Passing Lane Alternative

The Passing Lane Alternative would add new passing lanes to the existing corridor in four of the seven corridor segments. The addition of passing lanes would not meet the purpose and need criteria because it does not provide for future corridor preservation or any other improvements outside the locations identified for proposed passing lanes. Therefore, the Passing Lane Alternative was dismissed from further study. The addition of passing lanes may be considered as an interim improvement under the four-lane alternatives.

C. US 63 North Bypass Alternative

The US 63 North Bypass Alternative would construct a US 63 bypass on the northwest side of the Village of Turtle Lake. Although this alternative has the potential to reduce crashes by removing some traffic off of US 8 and it received some public support, it would not meet the purpose and need criteria for the US 8 corridor. Therefore, the US 63 North Bypass Alternative was dismissed from further study.